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- The Pennsylvania Engine Co. Firehouse, built with funds raised by the women of Nevada City following several fires that nearly destroyed the town in the 1850s, has been in continuous use since 1861.
- The fire alarm system, dating from the 1860s, is linked to alarm boxes located throughout the city and alerts firefighters to the location of the activated alarm using tickertape. The tickertape system is the only one in the country still known to be in working order.
- The building presently houses the historic Nevada City Engine # 3; the upstairs is used by local non-profit theatre groups as a costume department.
- The Firehouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

## **Project Scope:**

- Rehabilitate front balcony and canopy.
  Repair flashing. Scrape, renail, caulk and paint all balcony posts; repair or replace railing spindles; and install new post supports.
- Repair structural members for bell system in tower; repair siding, flashing and gutter system on bell tower. Install new stairway system from ground floor to bell tower for interior access within current safety guidelines. Reconstruct manual pull system for bell (ring from main floor.
- Mount, rewire and refurbish, as necessary, the historical mechanical ticker-tape alarm system to the bell system. The system will work off the clock to ring with fire alarm boxes and at discretionary times.

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